MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Medical Department is going to supervise the construction work or is it to be done by the P. W. D.?

DR. S. JOHN: Supervision work will be left to the P. W. D.

Medical Officer at Adimaly Dispensary.

444. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the Medical Officer at Adimaly Dispensary in Mannamkandam passed away;

(*b*) whether any qualified doctor was appointed in his place;

(*c*) who is in charge of that dispensary;

(*d*) whether there were complaints about the violent attack of malaria in those parts; and

(*e*) what steps have been so far taken by the department to prevent it.

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) He died on 20-7-1120.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The compounder attached to the dispensary.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Malaria control by spraying of house with pyrethrum is being carried out under the auspices of the Public Health Department.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know why a successor was not appointed at Adimaly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: No doctor is available now.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether Adimaly Dispensary is a daily dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Kallar Dispensary is a bi-weekly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes. It is a bi-weekly dispensary.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know who is looking after the work there?

DR. S. JOHN: The compounder goes there twice a week.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how it is possible for a compounder to look after the duties of the Doctor both in the Daily Dispensary as well as in the bi-weekly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: The compounder goes there only in the evening.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether that compounder is competent to give medicines and whether he is a registered medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act recently passed by Government?

DR. S. JOHN: Because no doctor is available to be posted in that hospital, the compounder has been asked simply to give quinine mixture under my direction to malaria patients, and nothing else.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: May I ask whether qualified doctors are not now available for appointment by the Surgeon-General?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

DR. S. JOHN: We have already recommended two people, but they do not accept the post for the pay offered. Certainly if the representatives of the people recommend suitable doctors they will be considered for appointment.

PRESIDENT: Really Government do want about 25 to 30 doctors for the Medical Department. Persons who went as Doctors for war purposes have come back and are asking practically double the rates of pay which we are now paying to our Doctors. That is the real difficulty. If persons are available at the rates we are paying to the Doctors, they can be appointed straightway. Even though we have some 20 to 30 vacancies persons are not willing to come for the pay offered.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: Are there not applications in the waiting list?

DR. S. JOHN: Nobody.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I ask the member by the very fact that the Compounder is looking after the bi-weekly dispensary, is it not likely that the daily dispensary will be converted into a bi-weekly one?

DR. S. JOHN: I have gone to Adimaly very many times. I could hardly see more than 10 to 12 patients coming to the dispensary for malaria treatment. I have already instructed the compounder to administer quinine mixture. The compounder goes to Kallar every evening and gives the quinine mixture to malaria patients alone.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the distance between Kallar and Adimaly?

DR. S. JOHN: Seven to eight miles.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnathoor*): May I ask the member whether he has enquired of the number of persons who have been cured after the compounder took charge of the dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the result is satisfactory?

DR. S. JOHN: Quite satisfactory. (*Laughter.*)

MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: മെഡിക്കൽ രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ആക്ട നുസരിച്ച് രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്യാൻ അർഹതയില്ലാത്ത ഈ കമ്പൗണ്ടർ രോഗികളെ പരിശോധിച്ച മരുന്ന കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ശരിയാണോ?

DR. S. JOHN: ഞാൻ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള ആളാണ്. അതു കൊണ്ട ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതുപോലെ മരുന്ന കൊടുക്കും.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): May I know is it not a clear breach of the Medical Registration Act to allow a compounder who has not registered himself as a Medical Practitioner to administer medicine and thereby set up practice?

DR. S. JOHN: He is not practising, Sir. He is dispensing medicine according to the orders of the Surgeon-General,

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I ask does the Surgeon General prescribe in that Dispensary?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

DR. S. JOHN: He has ordered that when malaria patients come they must be given quinine mixture. The compounder is doing this work.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Then, is it the proposition of the Surgeon-General that no prescription other than quinine mixture should be given ?

DR. S. JOHN: The Compounder will not give any mixture other than quinine mixture and that to malaria patients alone.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know, is there any direction to that effect?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Then, may I know whether other compounders who have not registered themselves as medical practitioners under the Medical Registration Act can also issue quinine mixture?

DR. S. JOHN: Already there are about 8 to 10 malaria dispensaries where the senior compounders are looking after the patients. They have directions from me to issue quinine mixture and they are attending to that work?

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I take it that none of these compounders is entitled to prescribe for any other ailment but to give only quinine mixture? What are they expected to do in the case of miscellaneous ailments of the patients?

DR. S. JOHN: Compounders cannot prescribe anything other than the quinine mixture and that too only to malaria patients. They are not to administer medicine to patients suffering from any disease other than malaria.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know who diagnoses cases that come to that dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: It is looked into by the compounder.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the compounder can diagnose other diseases?

PRESIDENT: It has been already answered that the compounder is giving quinine mixture to malaria patients. That the compounder is not entitled to prescribe for any other ailments has also been made clear in the debate. That such a procedure is unsatisfactory is evidenced from the nature of the debate that has taken place and I take it that the Surgeon-General will not allow that system to continue. I dare say he will get a man at any cost and post him at that place. But I also take it that so long as the compounder is there, he will give no medicine other than quinine mixture.

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir, that is the position.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Are there not different varieties in malaria?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know who diagnoses such varieties in other dispensaries?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

DR. S. JOHN: The senior compounders are sufficiently equipped to look after the work of doctors as well. From experience, they have learnt that work also.

MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI : അങ്ങനെ ചികിത്സിക്കാൻ അറിയാവുന്നവർക്കെല്ലാം ചികിൽസനടത്താൻ അർഹതയുണ്ടെന്നാണോ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മെമ്പർ പറയുന്നത്?

DR. S. JOHN : അങ്ങനെയല്ല പറഞ്ഞത്.

MR. V. I. IDICULA : മലേറിയാ കേസുകൾക്കെല്ലാം കപ്പയിനാ മാത്രം കൊടുത്താൽ മതി, എന്ത സർജൻ ജനറൽ ആർഡർ പാസാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

DR. S. JOHN : കപ്പയിനാ മാത്രമല്ല, ആൻറിമലേറിയൽ മെഡിസൻസ് എല്ലാം കൊടുക്കാൻ എർപ്പാട ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Fees charged by the Medical College, Madras.

445. * MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and state:

(*a*) the fees charged by the Madras Government to their students in their medical colleges;

(*b*) the expenses incurred by them for each medical student in their college per year;

(*c*) the loss incurred by them (the Madras Government) in the case of each of those students per year.

(*d*) the fees charged by the Travancore Government to the medical students sent trom the State to those colleges;

(*e*) the reason why the Government should not incur a similar loss in respect of their own students getting medical education;

(*f*) whether they are aware that those with real merit do not always seek admission for fear of heavy fees; and

(*g*) what action has the Government taken to allay such fear?

DR. S. JOHN:

		Rs
	I	
(*a*) (i)	Fee for the whole Pre-Registration course.	120
(ii)	Fee for the candidates who passed in the B. A. or B. Sc., Degree Examination, Physics or Chemistry or Botany and Zoology (together) as main and are eligible for exemption, for each subject studied.	40
(iii)	Fee for an additional course in each subject.	40
	II. Medical Course proper (5 years.)	
(i)	Annual fees.	20
(ii)	Fees for the whole course if paid in advance in one sum.	900

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly